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	Kahsay Habte, Ph. D.	1624	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-50 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23,25,32,34 and 43-50 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,26-30 and 41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-22,24,31,33,35-40 and 42 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-50 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

2. Applicant's election of Group VI in the reply filed on 10/03/2005 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claims 23, 25, 32, 34 and 43-50 are withdrawn from prosecution.

3. The claims are drawn to multiple inventions for reasons set forth in the restriction requirement. The claims are examined only to the extent that they read on the elected invention. Cancellation of the non-elected subject matter is recommended in response to this Office Action.

Information Disclosure Statement

4. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed on 06/28/2004 has been acknowledged. Please refer to Applicant's copies of the 1449 submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

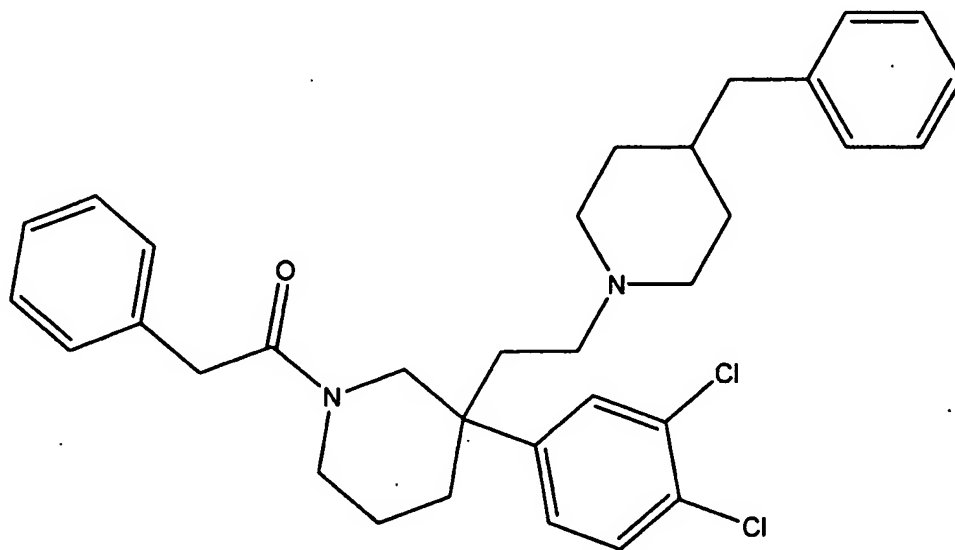
(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Edmonds-Alt et al. US. Pat. No. 5,770,735. Cited reference teaches many compounds of interest that are almost the same as applicants at columns 40-41 (TABLE V, see compounds 40-43) and column 47 (TABLE VI, see for example compounds 52-55). Said compounds are the same as applicants when applicants compound of formula (I) has the following substituents:

R^4 = absent or alkyl; $E = CH_2-CH_2$; $Z = C(O)R^3$ where R^3 is substituted benzyl; $Y = 3$ -piperidinyI substituted with $R^{9'}$ where $R^{9'}$ is a dichloro substituted phenyl; $M = Q = J = L = CH_2$; and $K =$ benzyl. The only difference between applicant's compounds and the prior art compounds is that presence or absence of a CH_2 group between the 3-piperidinyI moiety and the dichloro substituted phenyl. As an example, a prior art compound 3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-(phenylacetyl)-3-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyI]ethyl]-piperidine is shown below as an example. It can be seen from said example that the dichlorophenyl is attached directly to the 3-piperidinyI moiety. Applicants require at least substituted or unsubstituted benzyl. Compounds that differ only by the presence or absence of an extra methyl group or two are homologues. Homologues are of such close structural similarity that the disclosure of a compound renders *prima facie* obvious its homologue. The homologue is expected to be preparable by the same method and to have generally the same properties. This expectation is then deemed the motivation for preparing homologues. Of course, these presumptions are rebuttable by the

showing of unexpected effects, but initially, the homologues are obvious even in the absence of a specific teaching to add or remove methyl groups.

3-(3,4-dichlorophenyl)-1-(phenylacetyl)-3-[2-[4-(phenylmethyl)-1-piperidinyl]ethyl]-piperidine



See *In re Wood*, 199 USPQ 137; *In re Hoke*, 195 USPQ 148; *In re Lohr*, 137 USPQ 548; *In re Magerlein*, 202 USPQ 473; *In re Wiechert*, 152 USPQ 249; *Ex parte Henkel*, 130 USPQ 474; *In re Fauque*, 121 USPQ 425; *In re Druey*, 138 USPQ 39. In all of these cases, the close structural similarity between two compounds differing by one or two methyl groups was itself sufficient show obviousness. See also MPEP 2144.09, second paragraph.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

6. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-3, 26-30 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 and claims dependent thereon are rejected because in claim 1 (page 191, lines 30-35), the phrase "R⁴...or selected from C₁₋₈ alkyl, C₂₋₈ alkenyl, C₂₋₈ alkynyl, .." is not clear. When an alkyl or alkenyl is attached to the ring nitrogen atom, the ring nitrogen atom becomes charged. Is this what applicants intend? If so, what is the counter ion?

Objection

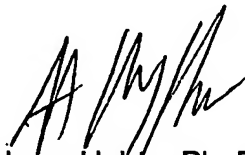
7. Claims 4-22, 24, 31, 33, 35-40 and 42 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00AM- 5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Wilson can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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